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LETTER DATED 18 JULY 1997 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday, 6 July 1997, an armed Iraqi group on the Iraqi side of the Kuwait-Iraq border opened heavy fire on Kuwaiti border policemen stationed on the tower of oil well No. 5 inside Kuwaiti territory, and on persons working for the Kuwait Oil Company. UNIKOM was informed of this incident at the time.

Such repeated acts on the part of the Iraqi regime, which are intended to undermine the security and peace of Kuwait's borders, demonstrate yet again that this regime does not have peaceful intentions, and make it necessary that you should intervene in order to put pressure on the Iraqi Government to desist from such acts, which threaten the security and peace of the region, and to ensure that it bears complete responsibility for the results of these acts.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sulaiman AL-SAEID
Chargé d'affaires a.i.